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I still have not caught up again with John Iani on the Columbia TMDL. He is out this week. I have a request in for time with him early next week. I'll keep you posted.

Thanks much for the celebration. Like everything else about the Oregon WQ Standards, it was impeccably done, timely, and substantially to your credit!! We all owe you so much.

Randy

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Randy:

Thanks for taking the time to attend our celebration last week. It was something we do not get a chance to do very often and I think everybody appreciated the time we had to look back on our hard work and appreciate everybody's contribution. (Plus, I thought the food was very good.)

My colleagues at DEQ are asking me when we are going to make a decision on the Columbia TMDL. They are rightfully thinking about workload implications and their staff planning. I did not want to bother you or John Iani about it last week but is there a way we can start thinking about what we are doing?

If you are leaving June 4, which is, according to my calculations, 7 weeks away, that does not give us much time to plan given that most meetings take about 2-3 weeks to schedule. And meetings with the Corps are often very difficult to schedule given the summer spill meetings and very difficult negotiations going on right now.

I do believe, however, that they might be more willing to work with us on this TMDL now that they know we are going to work together on this UAA guidance.

Just a friendly reminder and if you feel the time is not right for us to decide, I will let my DEQ colleagues know.

Take care and have fun at the retreat!!

Mary Lou